

RESOLUTION NO. 07-0310

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRIMES, IOWA EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO THE I-JOBS LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE
PROGRAM AND A COMMITMENT OF LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS AS
REQUIRED BY PROGRAM GUIDELINES.**

WHEREAS, overland flooding along SE Main Street in Grimes is a reoccurring event that has a negative impact on area structures and infrastructure; and;

WHEREAS, areas along SE Main Street in Grimes have relatively high commercial/retail vacancy rates and;

WHEREAS, the project proposed for completion with the assistance of applied for grant funds is a priority for the City of Grimes; and;

WHEREAS, local funds are currently available to support an application to the I-Jobs Local Infrastructure Program and now therefore;


BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grimes City Council authorize the Mayor or his designated appointee to sign and submit said application for the reconstruction of Main Street from generally SE 2nd Street to SE 6th Street and all areas in between and furthermore;


BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grimes City Council commits one-half (\$1.25 million) of the total anticipated project budget (\$2.5 million) as local match toward securing grant funds through the I-Jobs Local Infrastructure Program.

This Resolution passed by a vote of 3 to 3 on the 22nd day of July, 2010.

ATTEST:

CITY OF Grimes, IOWA


Rochelle Williams City Clerk


Tom Armstrong, Mayor



*101 North Harvey, Grimes, Iowa 50111
515.986.3036 Fax 515.986.3846*

August 1st, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-Jobs Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

**Subject: Southeast Main Street, Grimes, Iowa
I-Jobs Application for Financial Assistance**

Dear Mr. Pomerantz,

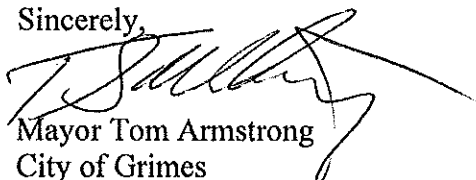
The City of Grimes is working cooperatively with several groups in the community, including the Governors District Alliance and Grimes Chamber & Economic Development in an effort to address necessary infrastructure improvements associated with SE Main Street in Grimes. The area is besieged with problems largely due to the impacts of overland flooding in the area, which has resulted in a slow, yet persistent degradation of the area infrastructure (i.e roads, infrastructure, sidewalks, etc.) as well as a deterioration of privately owned structures in the area.

The proposed project would alleviate the impact of overland flooding on the area and would have an overall positive effect on the community of Grimes. Indirect benefits from this project would include a higher likelihood of new development in the area, the creation of an improved business climate in an area referred to as the Governors District, and a safer transportation route in the heart of our community.

As Mayor of Grimes, I would like to express support for the project as described in detail in our application. If the project can be realized, it would be of great benefit to not only the area, but the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Mayor Tom Armstrong
City of Grimes



It's our name . . . and our promise.

Suku Radia
CEO and President
515-245-5656 • 515-247-2150 fax

July 23, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-JOBS Board
Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

Dear Jeff:

I am writing to you in support of the application submitted jointly by the City of Grimes and Grimes Chamber & Economic Development for an I-JOBS infrastructure grant for the reconstruction of a good portion of Southeast Main Street in order to alleviate the issue of overland flooding. This is a critical initiative to further the economic development of the City of Grimes and to augment employment in this area.

There are numerous buildings which are adversely impacted by flooding frequently. This poses a serious impediment in attracting business to these facilities. Reconstruction of the infrastructure in this area will dispense with this challenging situation.

On behalf of Bankers Trust, I urge you to consider this grant favorably. The leaders within the City of Grimes have already been hard at work creating the Governor's District as an important business retention/attraction initiative. Your support will go a long way in improving this wonderful community, of which we have been a part for 57 years.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Suku Radia", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SR/mjh

bcc: Paul Erickson
Steve Rogers



COUNTY OF POLK
Board of Supervisors

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July 28, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-Jobs Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

RE: I-Jobs Infrastructure Grant Application Letter of Support
South Main Street Project, Grimes, Iowa

Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

Several buildings in the Grimes area have been negatively impacted by overland flooding and water infiltration on a regular reoccurring basis. The City of Grimes and the Grimes Chamber and Economic Development Office are working cooperatively to prepare a grant application seeking I-Jobs funds for the reconstruction of a good portion of SE Main Street in order to alleviate the impacts of overland flooding, create jobs and encourage economic development in the area.

As Polk County Supervisor for the 2nd District, I would like to express my support for this project. If the project can be realized, it would be of significant benefit to not only the area as a whole but the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

E.J. Giovannetti
Polk County Board of Supervisors
2nd District

cc Brian Buethe, Executive Director
Grimes Chamber & Economic Development



July 29, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-JOBS Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50312

**RE: Expression of Support
Grimes Main Street Infrastructure Improvements**

Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

As you may already be aware, there is an ongoing grass roots effort to enhance the historic central business district in central Grimes, Iowa. The area, commonly referred to as the Governors District, is an area that has become blighted over the years as businesses have vacated the area for greener pastures.

One of the primary reasons we have experienced an out-migration of businesses in this area is that the infrastructure in the area does not adequately address the development patterns. As a result, overland flooding events many properties have systematically deteriorated thereby lessening their value and reducing the likelihood of private capital investment in the area.

An improvement to the street and the corresponding infrastructure (i.e. storm sewer, water, etc.) will dramatically improve the business climate of the area and would be a huge step forward in our redevelopment efforts.

On behalf of the Governors District Alliance, I would like to express support for the City of Grimes sponsored grant application to the I-Jobs Infrastructure program. The ongoing positive economic development impacts will not only help stimulate our State's economy, but will substantially improve our local economy for years to come.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ben Rouse
Secretary, Board of Directors



YMCA of Greater Des Moines

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July 26, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-Jobs Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

**Subject: I-Jobs Infrastructure Grant Application Letter of Support
South Main Street Project, Grimes, Iowa**

Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

It is my understanding that Grimes Chamber & Economic Development and the City of Grimes are working cooperatively to prepare a grant application seeking funds for the reconstruction of a good portion of SE Main Street in order to alleviate the impacts of overland flooding, create jobs, and encourage economic development in the area.

There are several building that are negatively impacted by overland flooding and water infiltration on a regular reoccurring basis. Reconstruction of the infrastructure in this area will help to alleviate this problem.

On behalf of the YMCA of Greater Des Moines, I would like to express support for this concept and the application in general. If the project can be realized, it would be of great benefit to not only the area, but the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Vernon Delpesce'.

Vernon Delpesce, President/CEO
YMCA of Greater Des Moines



YMCA Mission:
To put Christian principles
into practice through
programs that build
healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



August 2, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-Jobs Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

Subject: Support for I-Jobs Application/Governors District Project

Dear Mr. Pomerantz and I-Jobs Board Members,

On behalf of Grimes Chamber & Economic Development, I would like to express our organization's strong support for the proposed City of Grimes I-Jobs Grant Application.

Per our understanding, one of the primary goals of the I-Jobs initiative is to create good jobs in a timely manner, with an emphasis on stimulating our State's economy. The proposed Grimes project, we believe, will accomplish this mission in two ways. First of all, the project itself will quickly create and help to retain existing positions within the construction and engineering fields. This business sector is especially important to our community, as we have a strong presence of local contractors who have been negatively impacted by a slow down in the general economy.

The second way that this project will help is that it will likely foster an environment that will result in lasting job creation in an area undergoing a revitalization effort. The area commonly referred to as the Governors District is essentially our community's historic downtown. Because of unique development patterns, many of the traditional Main Street uses have migrated to higher traffic, more visible areas, generally along Highway 141. This project would help to attract businesses to an area that has been devolving for several decades.

Finally, the infrastructure and the buildings in the area cannot be sustained if the overland flooding is not in some way mitigated. We have witnessed first hand the water that sits along buildings, in roadways, and in common public spaces after any notable rainfall event. This reoccurring disaster results in a devaluation of local buildings and ultimately an unsafe living/working environment.

For these reasons, we support the application, and hope that you will as well.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian W. Buethe
Executive Director

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DIRECT MARKETING

July 29, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-JOBS Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50312

**Subject: Letter of Support (Culver/Judge I-Jobs Grant Program)
South Main Street Project, Grimes, Iowa**

Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

As a business owner on SE Main Street in Grimes, I see firsthand the infrastructure problems facing us every day. These issues include flooding, damage to several business owner's property (including ours), and loss of business due to issues such as sink holes forming in the middle of the Main Street.

I own a thriving direct marketing business on Main Street in Grimes. Our business has had 300% growth within the last 5 years. I would like to see that growth continue. I will be adding jobs over the next several years, but I cannot afford an interruption in business due to infrastructure problems.

I support the concept of reconstructing SE Main Street as this effort would help to mitigate future damages to many of the businesses on Main Street. Please consider favorably our community's application for funds through the I-Jobs Infrastructure Grant Program.

Feel free to contact me at ksnow@b2edirect.com or call 515-986-1992 if you have any questions. We look forward to a bright future in Grimes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Keith Snow'.

Keith Snow
President / Owner



July 29, 2010

Dr. Tracy's Counseling Services

20 years of experience

Tracy Miksell-Branch,
215 SE Main Street
Grimes, Iowa 50111

**Subject: I-Jobs Infrastructure Grant Application Letter of Support
Southeast Main Street Project, Grimes, Iowa**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am thrilled to hear that the Grimes Chamber & Economic Development and the City of Grimes are working diligently to prepare a grant application seeking funds to improve SE Main Street to create jobs, encourage economic development and to correct the problems with flooding on our street.

Many of the buildings on Main Street are impacted by overland flooding and water infiltration on a continual basis. Reconstruction of the infrastructure in this area will help to alleviate this problem.

On behalf of Dr. Tracy's Counseling Services, I would like to provide my support for this concept and the application in general. This project will be great boost for the Grimes community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tracy Miksell-Branch, LISW, PhD
Dr. Tracy's Counseling Services

Tracy Miksell-Branch, LISW, PhD
215 SE Main Street
Grimes, Iowa 50111
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July 29, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-JOBS Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50312

**Subject: Letter of Support (Culver/Judge I-Jobs Grant Program)
South Main Street Project, Grimes, Iowa**

Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

As a business owner on Main Street in Grimes, I would like to offer my support for an I-Jobs Grant. Over the years, areas along SE Main Street in Grimes have experienced substantial impacts from consistently re-occurring overland flooding events in the wake of heavy downpours.

As a result of these events some buildings have had flood damage, primarily impacting basements and foundations. However, the standing water also limits access to operational businesses, which also impacts our revenue stream.

I wholeheartedly support the concept of reconstructing SE Main Street as this effort would help to mitigate future damages caused by flooding and sink holes. Please consider favorably our community's application for funds through the I-Jobs Infrastructure Grant Program.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julie Glasgow'.

Julie Glasgow
Owner

August 2, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-Jobs Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Avenue
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**RE: Expression of Support
Grimes Main Street Infrastructure Improvements**

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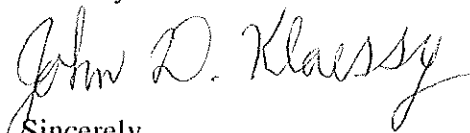
As you may already be aware, there is an ongoing grass roots effort to enhance the historic central business district in central Grimes, Iowa. The area, commonly referred to as the Governors District, is an area that has become blighted over the years as businesses have vacated the area for greener pastures.

One of the primary reasons we have experienced an out-migration of businesses in this area is that the infrastructure in the area does not adequately address the development patterns. As a result, overland flooding events many properties have systematically deteriorated thereby lessening their value and reducing the likelihood of private capital investment in the area.

An improvement to the street and the corresponding infrastructure (i.e. storm sewer, water, etc.) will dramatically improve the business climate of the area and would be a huge step forward in our redevelopment efforts.

On behalf of the Grimes Lions Club, I would like to express support for the City of Grimes sponsored grant application to the I-Jobs Infrastructure program. The ongoing positive economic development impacts will not only help stimulate our State's economy, but will substantially improve our local economy for years to come.

Thank you.


Sincerely,

John Klaessy
Grimes Lions Club

Stevie C's
204 SE Main Street
Grimes, IA 50111
Phone (515) 986-9004

July 30, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-JOBS Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50312

**Subject: Letter of Support (Culver/Judge I-Jobs Grant Program)
South Main Street Project, Grimes, Iowa**


Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

As a business owner within the downtown Grimes area, I am asking you to support our request for an I-Jobs grant. Over the past 20 years, my business has been directly affected by flooding issues, sink holes on Main Street and plugged storm water lines.

Every time it rains, my business is substantially affected because customers cannot come in the door without wading through a foot of water. Even the business owner directly North of me, Grimes Barber, has the exact same issues.

The infrastructure issues within the area affect the revenue of many of our businesses. Please consider our request for I-Jobs funds to help us renovate the area and create more jobs within our downtown community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Cavanaugh". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Cavanaugh
Owner



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www.spiritsandmore.info

July 30, 2010

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Des Moines, IA 50312

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One of the primary reasons we have experienced an out-migration of businesses in this area is that the infrastructure in the area does not adequately address the development patterns. As a result, overland flooding events of many properties have systematically deteriorated, thereby lessening their value and reducing the likelihood of private capital investment in the area.

An improvement to the street and the corresponding infrastructure (i.e. storm sewer, water, etc.) will dramatically improve the business climate of the area and would be a huge step forward in our redevelopment efforts.

On behalf of Spiritsandmore.info, I would like to express support for the City of Grimes sponsored grant application to the I-Jobs Infrastructure program. The ongoing positive economic development impacts will not only help stimulate our State's economy, but will substantially improve our local economy for years to come.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris R. McAninch

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Country Clip Joint

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Grimes, IA 50111

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July 29, 2010

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Chair, I-JOBS Board
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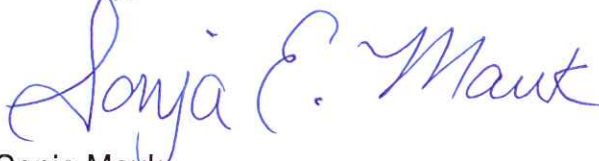
As a long time business owner on South Main Street, I have seen first-hand the effects of the flooding and infrastructure issues. Many of our businesses have experienced substantial impacts from consistently re-occurring overland flooding events in the wake of heavy downpours. As a result of these events some buildings have had flood damage, primarily impacting basements and foundations. However, the standing water also limits access to operational businesses, which also impacts our revenue stream.

Twice this year, the same sink hole has opened up on Main Street in front of my business. I am very concerned about the reoccurrence of such events to the safety of my customers.

I wholeheartedly support the concept of reconstructing SE Main Street as this effort would help to mitigate future damages caused by flooding and sink holes. Please consider favorably our community's application for funds through the I-Jobs Infrastructure Grant Program.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sonja Mauk
Owner

July 29, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-JOBS Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50312

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There are several building that are negatively impacted by overland flooding and water infiltration on a regular reoccurring basis. Reconstruction of the infrastructure in this area will help to alleviate this problem.

On behalf of the Petersen and Petersen Agency, I would like to express support for this concept and the application in general. If the project can be realized, it would be of great benefit to not only the area, but the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Ken Petersen
Owner
Petersen and Petersen Agency, Inc

Grimes Barber

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Grimes, IA 50111
(515) 986-7314

July 30, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-JOBS Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50312

**Subject: Letter of Support (Culver/Judge I-Jobs Grant Program)
South Main Street Project, Grimes, Iowa**

Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

As a business owner who has served the Grimes community for over 25 years, I have seen first-hand what the aging infrastructure has had on the Main Street businesses and the lost jobs over the years.

Every time it rains, my business is directly affected. Many times, my customers cannot even come in without wading through standing water. This has a negative impact on my business, the revenue and my ability to grow and create more jobs within the community.

We have excitement growing within Grimes to renovate the original downtown area. Reconstruction of the infrastructure in this area will help to alleviate many problems due to overland flooding,

If the I-Jobs grant can be secured and our project can be realized, it would be of great benefit to not only the area, but the entire community.

Thank you for your support,



Jim Bennett
Owner

July 29, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-JOBS Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50312

**Subject: Letter of Support (Culver/Judge I-Jobs Grant Program)
South Main Street Project, Grimes, Iowa**

Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

As a long time business owner on Main Street in Grimes, I would like to offer my support for an I-Jobs Grant. Over the years, areas along South Main Street in Grimes have experienced substantial impacts from consistently re-occurring overland flooding events in the wake of heavy downpours.

As a result of these events some buildings have had flood damage, primarily impacting basements and foundations. However, the standing water also limits access to operational businesses, which also impacts our revenue stream.

I support the concept of reconstructing SE Main Street as this effort would help to mitigate future damages caused by these flooding events and the infrastructure issues at hand. Please consider favorably our community's application for funds through the I-Jobs Infrastructure Grant Program.

Sincerely,



Kristin Williamson
Williamson Family Chiropractic

July 30, 2010

Mr. Jeff Pomerantz
Chair, I-Jobs Board
c/o Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

**RE: Expression of Support
Grimes Main Street Infrastructure Improvements**

Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

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One of the primary reasons we have experienced an out-migration of businesses in this area is that the infrastructure in the area does not adequately address the development patterns. As a result, overland flooding events of many properties have systematically deteriorated, thereby lessening their value and reducing the likelihood of private capitol investment in the area.

An improvement to the street and the corresponding infrastructure (i.e. storm sewer, water, etc.) will dramatically improve the business climate of the area and would be a huge step forward in our redevelopment efforts.

Residing at 304 SE 2nd, I would like to express support for the City of Grimes sponsored grant application to the I-Jobs Infrastructure program. The ongoing positive economic development impacts will not only help stimulate our State's economy, but will substantially improve our local economy for years to come.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Heldenbrand". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Janet R. Heldenbrand





